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## 2005 Governor's Awards for the Arts



**OPENING PRAYER**

Earl Old Person, Chief of the Blackfeet Nation

**WELCOME**

Arlynn Fishbaugh, Executive Director, Montana Arts Council

**INTRODUCTION**

Liz Harris, Incoming President, Montana Ambassadors

**PRESENTATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

The Honorable Brian Schweitzer

**2005 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Becky Eiker, Helena

**2005 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR VISUAL ARTS**

Eewokso (Pacer) Ernie Pepion, Browning

**2005 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR LITERATURE**

Paul Zarzyski, Great Falls

**2005 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE ARTS**

Hawthorne School, Bozeman

Hearing interpreter for the deaf and hearing impaired, Vicki Gregori.

Immediately following the presentation, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and entertainment will be provided in the Rotunda. Music provided by Rex and Renan Rieke.



## Hometown Celebrations!

*Each of the 2005 Governor's Arts Awards recipients are being honored in their hometowns with a celebration in the towns listed below.*

**Becky Eiker, Helena – Thursday, March 24, 2005, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Eewokso (Ernie Pepion), Browning – November 22, 2004**  
*(this celebration preceded the January 5, 2005, ceremony)*

**Paul Zarzyski, Great Falls – Saturday, April 16, 2005, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Hawthorne School, Bozeman – Friday, May 20, 2005, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

### STATEWIDE BROADCAST: GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS PROGRAM

KUFM/TV, a Montana Public Television station, is producing a 30-minute special broadcast of compiled profiles of each of the 2005 Governor's Arts Awards honorees. Watch for this special program to be aired throughout Montana on Montana PBS; KUSM-TV in Bozeman, KUFM-TV in Missoula and Bresnan Communications cable and satellite stations across the state. This program is produced by Ray Ekness, ray.ekness@umontana.edu www.umt.edu/rtv.

### BROADCAST DATES

Thursday, April 7, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

The 90-second profiles screened at the Governor's ceremony will also be broadcast, on a rotating basis, throughout the year. Special seven-minute in-depth profiles of each recipient will be screened at their Hometown Celebrations.

### 2005 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

The Governor of the State of Montana is pleased to present the 2005 Governor's Arts Awards program through the Montana Arts Council and Montana Ambassadors.

### MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

The Montana Arts Council is the agency of state government charged with promoting and expanding the significant role of arts and culture in our lives through a variety of investments and technical assistance programs which benefit Montanans of all ages and cultures as current or future participants and patrons of the arts.

### MONTANA AMBASSADORS

The Montana Ambassadors is a statewide service organization comprised of business leaders from across the state that support economic development activities. Their partnership with the Montana Arts Council in producing the Governor's Arts Awards brings together the arts industry and other businesses to celebrate these fine artists and to recognize the valuable economic impact within the state of Montana by its many fine artists.

## Becky Eiker Lifetime Achievement

BECKY EIKER, potter, artist and sculptor, is a credit to her art and an active and respected member of her community. For over forty years she has consistently contributed (both materially and financially) to the arts in Helena through her work as a teacher at Helena High School, a sculptor and member of many civic groups. Among those contributions is Becky's bronze sculpture of an old-time newsboy that she gave to the city of Helena, where it has resided since 1999 at the downtown mall.

Becky and her husband Bill established the Becky Eiker Foundation in 1996 to promote visual arts in the Helena area. The foundation's goals include promoting and acquiring public art for Helena, as well as community art education for individuals, institutions and organizations. Becky has also chaired the program to present art shows at the Governor's Mansion. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2002 YWCA award for Outstanding Woman in the Visual Arts.





## Eewokso (Ernie Pepion) Visual Arts



EEWOKSO (Pacer) - ERNIE PEPION is an artist, Blackfeet Indian, and physically disabled. He has lived as a rancher and rodeo competitor. In his paintings he lives the life deprived him by an automobile accident in 1971, that left him bound to a wheelchair as a quadriplegic. This accident happened four years after he had returned from Vietnam as a decorated veteran.

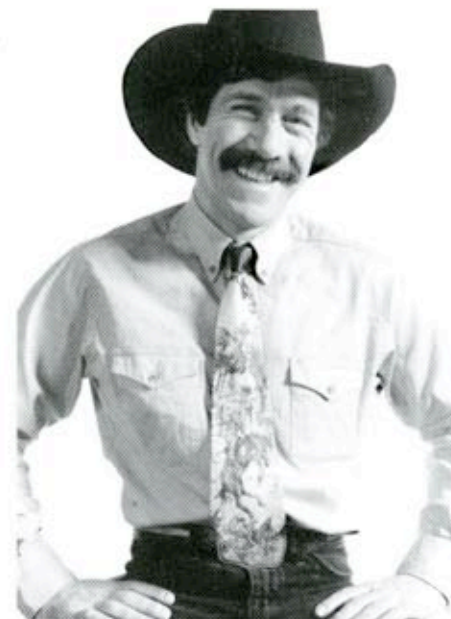
During his stay at the Veterans Hospital Ernie learned to paint before he could feed himself or write his name. His teacher was a fellow patient confined to an iron lung. For the ensuing thirty plus years Ernie has devoted his life to painting.

In 1989 Ernie earned his MFA from Montana State University. The Missoula Art Museum mounted an exhibition of Ernie's work in 1991 that was the first major solo exhibition of a contemporary American Indian artist by a museum in Montana. With the help of a special hand/forearm brace, a custom-made motorized easel and many friends, Ernie has become a nationally renowned artist who is recognized for his unique style and powerful subject matter.

## Paul Zarzyski Literature

PAUL ZARZYSKI embodies two vital Montana literary traditions: cowboy poetry spoken from the lives lived in the great outdoors of Montana and the West, and the strong currents of modernist poetry. His creative blending of these genres is revealed in his fine publications including ten books and chapbooks and two spoken-word CDs. In 1997, Paul received The Wrangler Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame for his collected works titled *All this Way for the Short Ride: Roughstock Sonnets 1971-1996*. In 2004, The Western Writers of America honored him with The Spur Award for poetry in celebration of his *Wolf Tracks on the Welcome Mat*.

Paul studied with Richard Hugo and Madeline DeFrees and received an MFA from The University of Montana in the mid 70s while he was competing as a bareback bronc rider on the rodeo circuit. His passion for bucking horses and the poems it triggered provided entrée from the halls of literature to the "lariat arena." While teaching at UM in 1987, he was invited to the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, NV, where he's been a featured performer every year since.



## Hawthorne School Service to the Arts



HAWTHORNE SCHOOL is widely recognized as Montana's model school for integration of the arts into the teaching of all curriculum. The school staff believes that to achieve educational excellence, the arts are *basic*. For 13 years this innovative school has continued to have the overwhelming support of a devoted staff and central administration, actively involved parents, community volunteers and many professional artists. The school's team approach to education enhances the achievement of the school's goals -- to create an exemplary learning environment that emphasizes active learning, creative thinking and problem solving. The result is a child-centered, artistically rich environment that is a model school program for in-depth, brain-based learning.



Art is taught both as a subject matter and as a way to enrich curriculum. Walking the halls, you will see a kaleidoscope of children's art. And you might hear poetry about the planets or an opera about the Bozeman Trail or see a fifth grade production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." At the heart of the program is the belief that every child is an artist. The creative work extends far

beyond the boundaries of the school - last year the Hawthorne School choir was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Schools nationally and locally look to Hawthorne School as a model of optimal learning environments. Hawthorne School has been the subject of study by the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in 2002 the program received an Honorable Mention from the Boyer Center for Best Practices in Integration of the Arts.

## Previous Governor's Arts Awards Honorees for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

### LITERATURE

A.B. Guthrie, Jr., 1982

### MUSIC

John Lester, 1986

### FOLK & TRADITIONAL ARTS

Oshanee (Agnes) Kenmille, 2001

### SERVICE TO THE ARTS

Jo-Anne Mussulman, 1999

Dr. Joseph Mussulman, 1999

David Nelson, 1999

Joseph S. Sample, 1997

Miriam Sample, 1997

Benjamin Steele, 1992

Shirley Steele, 1992

John Talbot, 1994

Susan Talbot, 1994

### VISUAL ARTS

James Kenneth Ralston, 1984

Robert Scriver, 1990

Frances Senska, 1988

Robert F. Morgan, 2001

Jessie Wilber, 1988





## Previous Governor's Arts Awards **Honorees**

### DANCE

Michael Smuin, 1981

### CARTOONING

Stan Lynde, 1983

### FOLK AND TRADITIONAL ARTS

Wally McRae, 1989  
Bernie Rasmussen, 1981  
Kevin Shannon, 1987  
Harold Sprague, 1985  
Virginia Sprague, 1985  
Agnes Vanderburg, 1983  
Thomas Yellowtail, 1993

### LITERATURE

Stephen Ambrose, 1999  
James Lee Burke, 2001  
Ivan Doig, 1991  
Dorothy Johnson, 1983  
William Kittredge, 1985  
Norman Maclean, 1987  
Thomas McGuane, 1989  
James Welch, 1981

### MEDIA ARTS

Myrna Loy, 1989

### MUSIC

Philip Aaberg, 1995  
Eugene Andrie, 1981  
Judith Blegen, 1983  
Donald Carey, 2001  
Eric Funk, 2001  
Mary E. Moore, 1997  
Christopher Parkening, 1987  
Mary Agnes Roberts, 1991  
Edmund Sedivy, 1993

### PRESENTATION OF THE ARTS

Arnie Malina, 1997  
Myrna Paulus, 2001  
Ralph Paulus, 2001

### SERVICE TO THE ARTS

Francis Bardanouve, 1995  
Archie Bray Foundation, 1981  
LaDonna Fehlberg, 1983  
Robert Fehlberg, 1983  
James Haughey, 1981  
Elmer Jakab, 1999  
Terry Melton, 1991  
Montana Institute of the Arts, 1993  
U S WEST Foundation, 1989

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Montana Power Company, 1999

### THEATER

Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 1997  
Fort Peck Summer Theater and  
Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, 1999  
Missoula Children's Theatre, 1987  
Montana Repertory Theatre, 1983  
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks,  
1991

### VISUAL ARTS

Rudy Autio, 1981  
Joanna Barker, 2001  
Dana Boussard, 1987  
Ray Campeau, 1987  
Russell Chatham, 1997  
Gennie DeWeese, 1995  
Robert DeWeese, 1995  
Edith Freeman, 1993  
Walter Hook, 1985  
Isabelle Johnson, 1983  
Lyndon Fayne Pomeroy, 1991  
James Poor, 1985  
Gary Schildt, 1999  
David Shaner, 1989  
Peter Voulkos, 1985  
Yellowstone Art Museum, 1995

## Governor's Arts Awards **Event Planners**

### Montana Arts Council Members

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Betti Hill, *Helena*  
Kari Lee Knierim, *Glasgow*  
Neal Lewing, *Polson*  
Stan Lynde, *Helena*  
Marilyn Olson, *Sidney*  
Jackie Parsons, *Browning*  
Linda E. Reed, *Helena*  
Jennifer Earle Seifert, *Troy*

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